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Official Ski Bulletin Northfield Invites

In the official Ski Bulletin of the Pioneer Valley Association just issued it is announced that 18 towns are offering winter sports, specializing in skiing. East Northfield and Northfield are listed with the center of activities at the Northfield hotel, where there is also provided, skating, snow-shoeing, sleighing, and woodland walks. Five trails are available here for the novice and expert on skis. In the language of those who know, we print the portion of the bulletin that concerns us:

Northfield Trail—loc. near the Northfield Hotel, East Northfield. A .2 mi. long hill; class, novice. Ober's Old Stage Coach Road Trail—len. 1 mi.; M. G. 10°; V. D. 500'; 6" snow; class, novice. Sunset Touring Trail—loc. Garnet Rock, Old Orchard; Len. 2 mi.; Wid. 20' - 40'; M. G. 12°; V. D. 800'; Exp. W. 4" snow; class novice. Intermediate Touring Trail—Loc. ext. of orange dot; Len. 3 mi.; Wid. 20' - 40'; M. G. 25°; V. D. 500'; Exp. W. 4" snow. Big Birch Trail—Near the Northfield Hotel, Len. 5 mi.; Wid. 20' - 80'; M. G. 30°; V. D. 600'; Exp. W. 6" snow; class, last .7 mi. expert. Golf course is suitable for novice, at least.

The toboggan chute at the hotel has been erected.

New Ski Bikes provide entertainment for all ages, and you may skate and toboggan right on the grounds. Instructions and equipment are available at this resort hotel. Trains are met. Follow route 63 if you drive, from Northfield.

There are several excellent ski slopes and tows within a 35 mile radius of East Northfield.

The 19 towns classified are all in western Massachusetts. So here's to the sport lover. "The north wind shall blow and we shall have snow."

G. O. P. Club Women Hear Gov. Bradford

Women leaders in the ranks of the Republican party from the four counties of western Massachusetts gathered at the Mansion House in Greenfield last Saturday afternoon for a luncheon and to hear a message from Governor Robert P. Bradford. The women were members of the County Women's organizations, who held the gathering in Franklin county with the Franklin county club as the sponsor. Mrs. Merrill Torrey of Northampton presided and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Madeline Nichols, president of the Franklin County Club welcomed those attending and at the close presided at the election of women in the Franklin County Club. All the well known politicians and office holders were in attendance, with number reaching about 150 persons at the luncheon.

Valley Bible Meeting

As contained in the Press of the last issue, the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference will meet in Northfield at the Congregational Church on Monday, December 1. The sessions will be at 10:30 in the morning, and at 1:45 in the afternoon. There will be a basket lunch at noon. The speakers of the afternoon will be Rev. Albert E. Parker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Troy, New York, and Rev. Norman Grubb, D. D., of England. A large attendance of church folks is being hoped for.

Winter on West Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord W. Douglass, of Highland Ave., left by the American Airline plane last Monday for California, where they arrived last Tuesday, to spend the next four months on the Pacific coast, locating in Santa Barbara, California. Later on they plan a visit to San Francisco and to Seattle before returning to Northfield early in April. Should there be any gatherings of former Alumni arranged while Mr. Douglass is in the area, it will be his pleasure to represent the Northfield Schools in a presentation of School interests.



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Brief Directory Ridge Summer Homes

Mail Packages Early Also Xmas Cards

Both Postmasters, Merritt C. Skilton of East Northfield and Lawrence Quinlan of Northfield are appealing to all patrons of their offices to do their Christmas mailing of packages and cards early. It is expected that the mailing this year end will be heavy and post offices look for a record business. The post offices will have serious problems with uncertain weather conditions, the shortage of trained personnel and the fact that leading stores in all the larger cities have started their Christmas business early and are already using the mail for shipments. Priority of the mail is given to business and personal correspondence classified as first class and with air mail becoming popular the amount is larger which needs attention.

Packages and cards will be hurried through but they may suffer delays in congestion. So mail your packages and cards as early as possible and thus co-operate with the Post Office department.

Historical Society Calls Annual Meeting

Miss Elsie Scott, president of the Northfield Historical Society has issued the call for the annual meeting, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Percy Goodspeed on Main Street, Tuesday evening, December 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock. Important business will be transacted and after will follow the election of officers. For the program each member attending will offer a brief historical fact that they consider of real value and of interest to others. The historical statement may be in connection with some article or object connected with Northfield. It is expected that the meeting will be largely attended.

Oranges Coming Through

From the extensive groves of Spurgeon Gage, and his neighbors in Orlando, Florida, will soon come the shipments of oranges and grapefruit ordered by friends in Northfield and vicinity. Mr. Gage, a former resident of this town, and now a summer resident went to Florida after his retirement as a member of the faculty of Mount Hermon School and began the growing of oranges. He has added to his acres and each year receives an increasing business. His fruit is picked for immediate shipment and as orders are received they leave Orlando by express for their destination. His charges are reasonable compared with other advertised prices and if you have read his ad in the Press you had better send in your order as soon as possible. The baskets of fruit are always received in good condition and are most attractive with leaves and moss.

We Can Give Thanks

We thank thee, then O Father,
For all things bright and good.
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirtest.
Our humble thankful hearts."

So runs the good old hymn, and we can only say in all humility, Amen. When we think of all the suffering and the misery and hunger in other parts of the world we ought to be thankful that we not only have plenty, but are in a position to help the needy in other countries.

Take The Seal Road



Dr. Robert E. Speer Passes In Death

Dr. Robert Elliott Speer of Lakeville, Conn., died Sunday night, November 25th, after a brief illness at the Bryn Mawr hospital, near Philadelphia. He was the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and served in that position for 46 years. He was a native of Huntington, Pa., and was 80 years of age. He was the first layman ever elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church Council and served in 1927. He had served as a former president of the Presbytery of Connecticut and was a member of the Trustees of the Northfield Schools.

He received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Edinburgh University, after attending Phillips Academy at Andover, and Princeton University.

While secretary of the Mission Board from 1891 to the time of his retirement in 1937 he had visited all of the missionary stations of the church.

He was the father of Elliott Speer, at one time President of the Northfield Schools and Headmaster of Mount Hermon School, whose tragic death in 1934 has never been solved.

He is survived by his widow, the former Emma Doll Bailey of Harrisburg, Pa., and three children, Margaret Speer, headmaster of the Shipley school, Bryn Mawr; William Speer, director of admissions at Rutgers University and Mrs. Robert F. Barbour of Bristol, England.

A New Physician

Dr. Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Northfield School for Girls, announces the appointment of Dr. Grace E. Wilder of East Bridgewater, Mass., as the new school doctor. She was educated at Colby College and Johns Hopkins Medical School and previously served at the Essex Sanatorium, Smith College Infirmary and Florida State University.

Town Clerks Tenure

A bill has been filed in the State Senate by Senator Bowker of Brookline, providing life tenure in the office of Town Clerk for the several communities of the state, providing the town clerk shall have served a five year period continuously in that office. The bill, if passed, provides that its acceptance must be by vote of the town. The Town Clerks association has favored the bill and when all town clerks were polled there was a vote of 312 in favor and 26 opposed. It is said that the Governor will sign the bill if passed by the Legislature and that it is favored and looked upon by leading political leaders. Should the bill be passed it will probably be at all day session. There will be short talks by Ellsworth Bell, Fred Jeffrey and Dr. C. C. Bliss, all of the University of Massachusetts. Donald Kendall of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and Meade Summers of the Ralston Purina Co. will talk about the grain situation. All activities in the poultry field will be considered.

A Poultry Conference

Poultry raisers in Northfield have been invited to a conference meeting to consider the poultry business at Gilding Star Grange Hall in Greenfield on Thursday morning, December 4th. County agent Stanley L. Burt has made the announcement and it will probably be at all day session. There will be short talks by Ellsworth Bell, Fred Jeffrey and Dr. C. C. Bliss, all of the University of Massachusetts. Donald Kendall of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and Meade Summers of the Ralston Purina Co. will talk about the grain situation. All activities in the poultry field will be considered.

Forty Years Wedded Are Given Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson of Main Street were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson at a dinner at Bloody Brook Inn at South Deerfield on Thursday evening of last week in honor of their fortieth wedding anniversary. When returning home they were surprised when neighbors and friends had taken possession of the house to extend their greetings and well wishes. Nearly a hundred guests were in attendance and spent most enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 21, 1907 by Rev. George Lawson of the First Baptist Church. They came here in July 1908 and have resided in the same house since then.

They have four children: Myron of Akron, Ohio, who was unable to be here; Mrs. Dorothy Young of West Springfield and Stanley and Katherine, both of this town.

Mr. Johnson is fire chief and a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Book Club and the Fortnightly. Both are active members of the Congregational Church and are members of the O. E. S.

Besides many cards they received a sum of money from the Firemen's association, an electric mixer from members of the O. E. S., a table lamp from the Book Club, and two large bouquets of fall flowers in white vases from their neighbors.

Red Cross Chapter Annual Meeting Friday

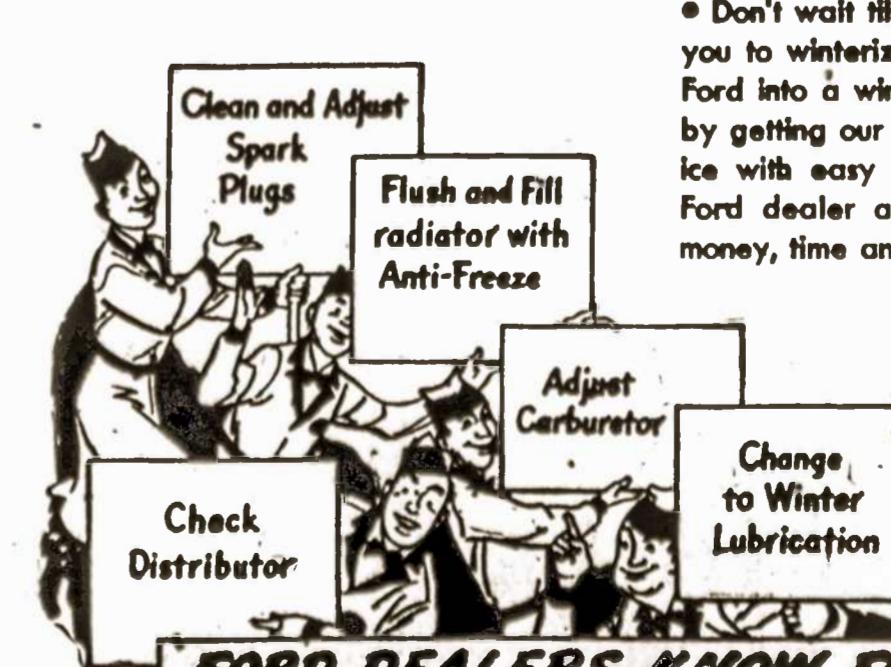
The annual meeting of the Franklin County American Red Cross Chapter will be held in the Court House in Greenfield Friday morning, November 28, at ten o'clock. Dr. Frank L. Boyden is chairman of the Board of Directors and Miss Eleanor W. Stevens is secretary. Reports will be given by the various departments and committees and there will be the annual election of officers. All members of the Red Cross organizations are invited to attend and they have the privilege of voting. Gordon Moody and William F. Hoehn of this town, who are members of the Board are expected to be in attendance.

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Town Topics

Patrons of the Woodstock Inn at Woodstock, Vermont from Northfield and especially many summer residents will be interested to learn that the Inn has passed into new ownership and will be hereafter conducted on a year round basis. Members of the Beach family of Bass Harbor, Vermont, are the new owners.

A sewing meeting of the Evening Auxiliary will be held this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Roy Barrows on Winchester road.

There will be a silver coffee, sponsored by the Women's Guild of

the Congregational Church at the home of Mrs. J. Austin Daly on Highland Ave. Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 o'clock. There will be on display on a table many attractive gifts for the Christmas season.

The new building committee of the Congregational Church will soon issue an attractive brochure, containing pictures and plans for the proposed church structure. It is proposed to use the same in soliciting gifts for the Fund.

The next regular meeting of the Friendly class of the Congregational Church will be held on Monday, December 15 with a Christmas program at "Kemholme" on Highland Ave. with Mrs. Stella Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Barrows are enjoying their residence in Brattleboro and their home is located at 99 Prospect Street. Mr. Barrows is with Goodnow, Pearson and Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin at their home in New Haven, Conn. and attended the Yale-Harvard football game on Saturday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fletcher of this town at the Franklin County hospital on Sunday, November 23. She is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Susan Eddy of East Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deane of Bernardston have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Norma Deane to Neil Churchill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill of South Vernon. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hantunen of North Miami Beach, Florida, were visitors in East Northfield this week and calling upon friends.

Several photographs were taken of the Lord Shearer wedding at the Congregational Church last Saturday by Adrian Savage of Millers Falls. He has also recently taken photographs of groups at other local weddings.

Among guests who attended the Lord Shearer wedding last Saturday was Fred Legate of Bernardston, who is a great uncle of the bride and is more than 90 years old. He enjoyed the ceremony and was greeted by many in attendance.

Mrs. Mabel Bonney has closed her home off Winchester road and taken an apartment in Greenfield for the winter.

There will be a revived interest in the work of the Grange in New England since it has been learned that the National Grange will hold its 1948 convention in Maine and probably at Portland. The date will be selected by the National Grange executive committee. Every grange will have no difficulty in securing its delegates to attend.

There was a very impressive candlelight Memorial service at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport, Conn. recently for those members who had died during the year. Rev. Dr. Howard Stone Anderson conducted the service. Among those remembered in the service was May C. Woodward of Bridgeport, who was a former resident of East Northfield.

Dwight Lyman of this town, who is an employee of the New England Tel. and Tel. Co., and who was injured in an automobile crash near Rutland, Vermont, some two weeks ago is at the Springfield hospital for treatment. He underwent an operation and is gradually improving.

The Franklin County Shopping News, issued in tabloid form, from the plant of the Brown Printing Co., in Greenfield, has not been issued since October 30. Difficulties in publication and operation are said to be the cause of the suspension.

On November 25, Prof. Ernest R. Lacheman of Wellesley College spoke at the chapel service at Northfield School for Girls. Prof. Lacheman spent the summer at LeCollege Cevenol, LeChambon, France, in which both Northfield and Wellesley are interested.

Donald Smith, of South Vernon, who is engaged in the radio business recently went to Chicago to take a special study course in a school there and last week his wife visited him to make a short stay.

A number of members of the Masonic fraternity here attended the official visitation of deputy Grand Lodge officers of New Hampshire with Golden Rule Lodge of Hinsdale which was held last week.

It is reported from Amherst, through the office of the County Agricultural agent that tobacco buyers from several large companies are in that section to make their annual selection of stalk tobacco. It is said that good first rate tobacco is bringing from 70 to 80 cents a pound.

The hobby show of the No. 3 Community Club last Saturday

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evening was a most interesting affair. All kinds of articles collected as a hobby were on display and it has been remarked that it should have been seen by all our people. The publishers of the Farmers Almanac have written a note of appreciation for the article in the Press of a recent issue commenting on the Farmers Almanac for 1948. Everybody will want a copy and they are selling fast.

Increasing Divorce Rate**Offers Serious Problem**

The trend toward increasing divorce rates was evident throughout the United States last year, with some urban areas reporting nearly as many divorces as marriages, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The United States, shaken by a rate of one divorce for every three marriages in 1945, resigned itself to the similar ratio in 1946. Some authorities predicted that another decade might see one divorce for every two marriages.

In Los Angeles, the number of divorce actions filed during the first half of 1946 exceeded the number of marriage licenses issued.

Comparing duration of marriages in Los Angeles county before divorce for the years 1933 and 1945, it was found that the average duration in 1933 was 8.8 years; in 1945 it was only 6.1 years.

However, despite the divorce specter and an unrelated acute housing shortage—so severe it was estimated that one-third of all newlyweds had to begin their marriages in the homes of relatives—the situation has its brighter side. More than one and a half million marriages took place in 1946.

Revarnishing Floor Rules

Before revarnishing floors, be sure to remove the old, worn finish with paint remover and by careful scraping, so as not to mar the surface of the wood. If the old finish is shellac, it may be removed by softening it with denatured alcohol, followed by the use of steel wool, but in every case care should be used to see that any residue which is left after the use of the removing solvents be eliminated before applying a new coat of finish. If the floor is marred or stained, it will be worthwhile to have your painter sand it with a floor sanding machine, or if you are going to do the work yourself, you may be able to rent such a machine. Finally, the floor should be well wiped with a clean dry cloth to get rid of any dust particles. It then may be re-finished by the application of two thin coats of high grade floor varnish or shellac.

Dear Santa Clausback

Prior to the turn of the century, the prevalent population problem is deer was scarcity. Since that time, about a hundred herd of deer, varying in size from a small refuge to half a state, have pyramided their numbers to the point of presenting a problem. The deer problem on most western ranges is complicated by livestock problems and often by elk problems. Starvation occurs because the deer kill their natural food plants by overbrowsing. These are replaced by plants of little or no food value. Mild winters, artificial feeding and down tops from logging often postpone, but never prevent, the ultimate shrinkage of both the herd and its range.

Drew Out the Poison

Old-fashioned cooks used to soak cucumber slices in salt water "to draw out the poison." Soaking in brine destroys their crisp crunchiness and kills a lot of their vitamins. The ancient Romans used cucumbers to promote beauty and love. Today's cucumber is more streamlined and stylish than it used to be. Plant scientists have been breeding it to get a longer and straighter fruit (yes, the cucumber is a fruit) which yields more uniform slices because the ends are less pointed.

Uncle Sam Says**New Peak Set by Long****Term Savings in U. S.**

Accumulated long-term savings of individuals, representing the major part of the nest egg the people at large have built up for emergencies and for family protection and security, increased approximately 12 billion dollars in the first quarter of 1947 to reach an all-time high of 154.9 billion dollars, according to figures compiled from government and private sources.

The indicated savings rate of 12 billions for this year in the long-term savings category is about the same as in 1946. Last year the people as a whole added 11.8 billions to their "nest egg," the total rising from 140.4 billions at the end of 1945 to 151.7 billions a year later.

These accumulated long-term savings of individuals are distinct from currency and checking accounts and consist of U. S. Savings bonds after redemptions, net funds accumulated behind life insurance policies, savings accounts in mutual savings and commercial banks and in postal savings, and net savings and investments of individuals in

CHURCH NOTES**TRINITARIAN**

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
10:00 a. m. Church School—and
Young People's Forum.

11:00 a. m. Worship Sermon, subject "Life is Like That" by the minister. Nursery for pre-school age.

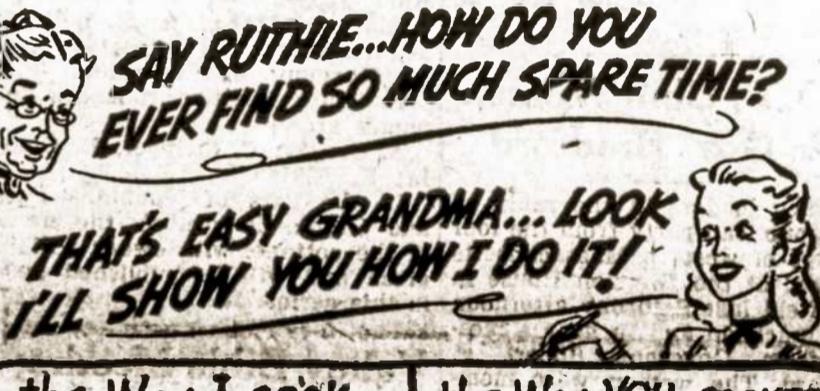
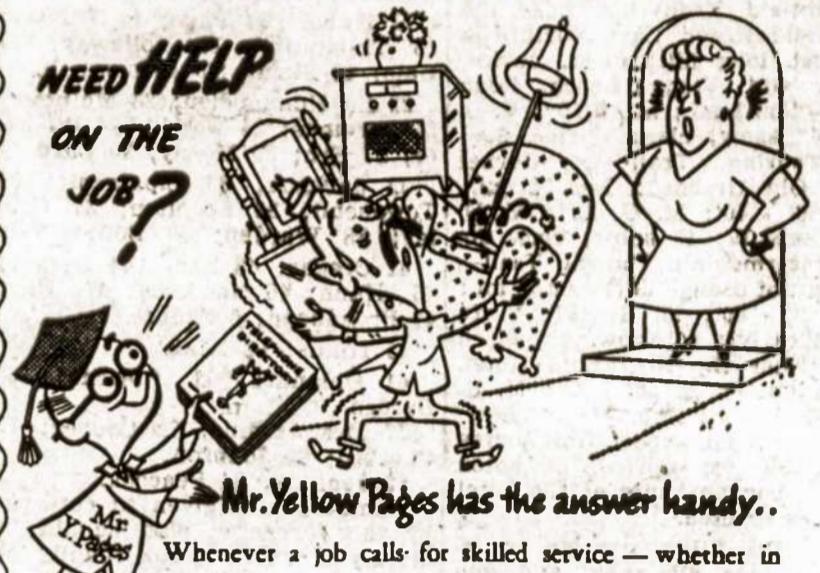
7:00 p. m. Open meeting Young People's Forum. Special musical program with address by Chaplain Buchanan on "Why People Drink."

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OBITUARY

Edward L. Morse

Edward L. Morse of this town died Sunday, November 23, at the age of 76 years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lee Holloway on Birnam Road, after a long illness and failing health.

He was born in Charlton, March 14, 1871, the son of Charles and Eva (Johnson) Morse. He married Cora May Upsham, May 1, 1897, and she died in October, 1911. He leaves a widow, the former Ida M. Aldrich; a son, Fred, of Winchester, N. H.; and two daughters, Alice, wife of Lee Holloway of this town, and Eva, wife of Erwin Bryant of Putney, Vt.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was a member of the West Brattleboro Baptist Church and of the local Grange.

Funeral services were held at the O'Connor Funeral Home in Winchester, N. H., on Tuesday morning and burial was in the cemetery at Oxford.

Small Shellfish Utilized

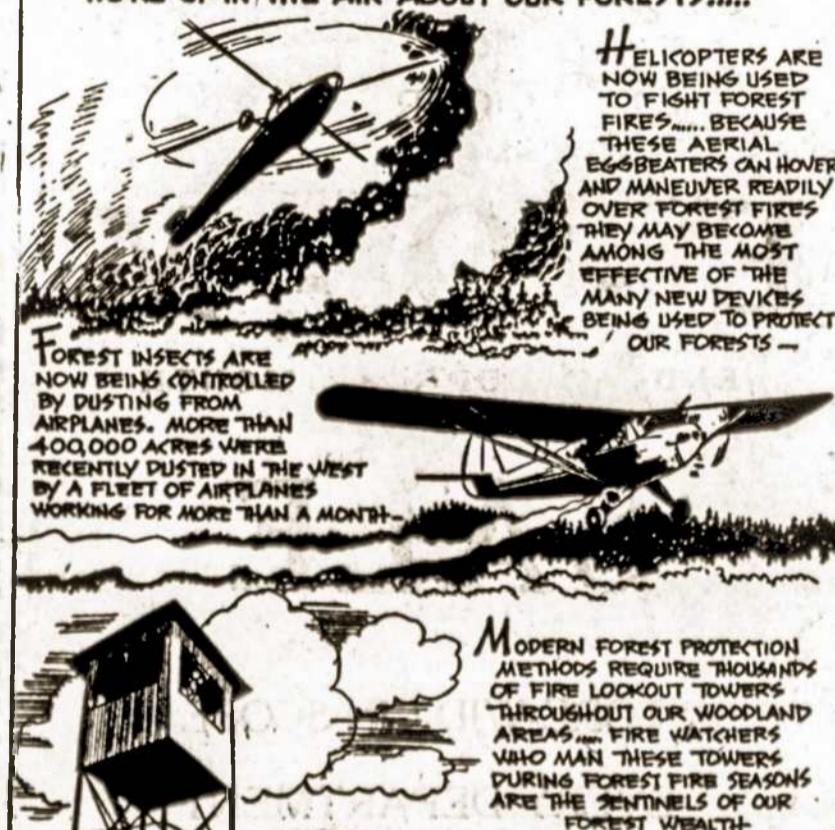
In Experiments on Hemp

At the department of agriculture's plant industry station men who study hemp, a plant used for its fiber, find it desirable to make "biological assays" as well as tests of the fiber, as this plant contains in its juice a narcotic they would rather reduce than increase or leave as it is. They make the tests, the "biological assays," by means of extremely small shellfish (crustaceans) called daphnia, which the casual observer, if he had a good eye, might liken to miniature shrimps. In this small size, these test animals come fully equipped with alimentary canal, heart, egg sac, liver, eyes, shell gland, and other parts too numerous to mention. The fiber scientists working on hemp improvement say the big little daphnia have many advantages for the testing work; many can be used in a small space; and they live almost a third as long as a mouse—if they live two months. Other points are: They can be reared in tanks at room temperature; their culture medium is ordinary water that is just slightly alkaline; they feed on bacteria; and after the first brood, they bear every two or three days all the life span, and an individual may have as many as 400 little daphnia. If there is ample food and the temperature is kept just right (never above 80 degrees F. but may be quite cold), the females will produce offspring without need of fertilization of the eggs—that is parthenogenesis—a not uncommon abortive among the cold crustaceans and insensate insects. And that is just what the experimenters want in order to note the effects of small differences in the juices of the hemp plants they are breeding.

Secret City Built
"Company town" is a designation that generally brings up unpleasant associations—visions of drabness are conjured up, however, in the case of the \$6 million dollar community known as Oak Ridge, Tenn., which jumped from nothing at the beginning of 1943 to a peak population of 75,000 in 1945, and now, with around 30,000 employed in the atomic energy plant, has between 40,000 and 50,000 inhabitants. It is hard to believe that so large a community could have come into existence so secretly. The name helped; the site was known as Black Oak Ridge, and the rural suggestion is credited with keeping down outside curiosity.

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Girl School Students Will Save on Food

Students at Northfield School for Girls have decided to co-operate in the food conservation program by curtailing drastically one of their most cherished customs—the Thanksgiving eve feast. On this occasion each year parents are allowed to send almost unlimited quantities and varieties of food and the result has always been an abundance of homemade cakes and pies, roast chickens and other delicacies which were eaten and shared on Thanksgiving eve. On their own initiative the girls voted to confine their feasting this year to the regular Thanksgiving dinner served by the school.

Garden Club Plans A Christmas Party

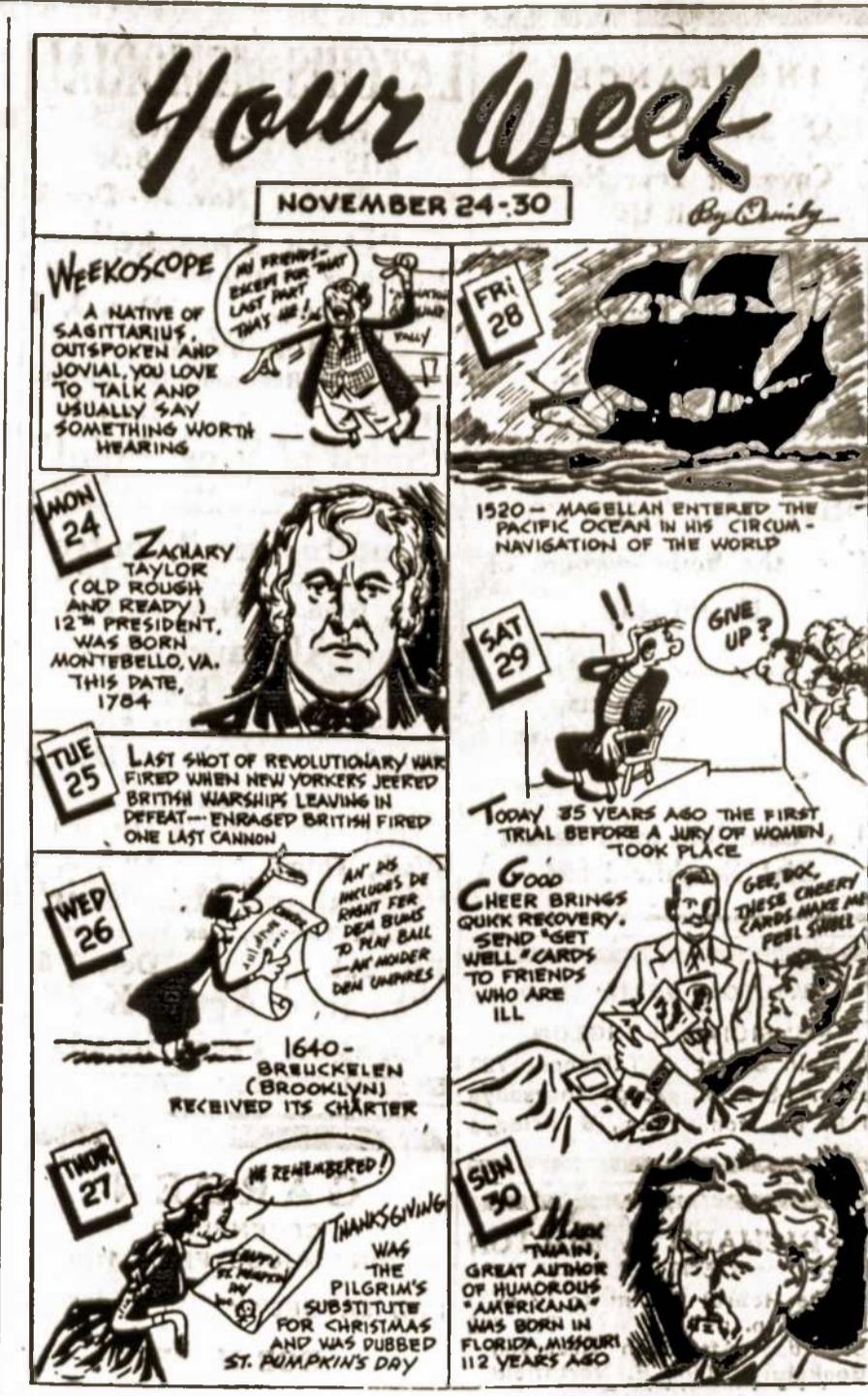
Next Monday evening, December 1st at 7:45 o'clock the Garden Club will hold its regular meeting at Alexander Hall. President Grove W. Denning will welcome the members and the program will be the traditional Christmas party so popular in the past. Members who attend are asked to bring a small potted plant which will be exchanged in an unusual way and which method will provide some mystery and interest. There will be some singing and the meeting will be a real Garden Party.

Columbus Credited With Introducing Sugar Here

Columbus brought cane to the New World, and in a letter to Ferdinand and Isabella he expressed satisfaction at "the way a few small canes planted here have taken root." To the Spaniards, also belongs the credit for having developed cane production on a commercial scale in the West Indies. That first occurred in San Domingo, and although the Caribbean Indians were impressed into service in the fields, the enterprise was not an immediate success.

When slaves were introduced, a cheap and docile supply of labor became available, the sugar plantations began to prosper. The success of the venture in San Domingo led to cultivation of cane in the other islands of the West Indies and on the mainland of South America. In all these places it flourished—perhaps, indeed it flourished too well, for it nourished the fester of slavery more than 150 years.

Marble Building Material
Marble is any stone consisting essentially of carbonate of lime, or the carbonates of lime and magnesia, of such a nature, color and texture as to make it desirable for the higher grades of building, monumental or decorative work. The varying shades of gray and black colors of marble are the results of carbonaceous material; the yellow, brown and red colors, of iron oxides; and the green, of silicate minerals such as mica and talc. The veined and clouded effects result from the unequal distribution of the coloring constituents throughout the mass of stone and also through the presence of clay-like matter. Frequently certain shapes may be recognized as fossils, for permanently cemented into the slab of marble are fossils that are millions of years old, indicating the marble was formed in some ancient sea bed. As a building material, marble is quite strong and durable. The strength of marble in pounds per square inch varies with the kind, but is between 6,000 and 12,000 pounds. It weighs between 165 and 175 pounds per cubic foot.



Fortnightly Meeting

To Surface Medication

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held at Alexander Hall, Friday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock, and will precede the observance of "Gentlemen's Night," when an address will be delivered by Rev. Larman S. Sherwood of Rotterdam, New York, on the "Reflections of a Happy Man." The tea hostesses will be Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Harold McLean, Mrs. Stephen Russell and Mrs. Richard K. Holbrook. It is expected that there will be a large attendance with the invitation to attend open to the men.

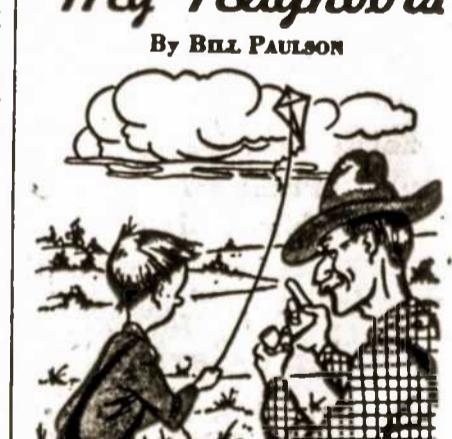
Sunday Vesper Service Schools Speakers

An hour of Vesper Music will be given at Russell Sage Chapel at 4:30, Sunday afternoon. Those taking part will be Mrs. Albert Raymond, contralto, soloist at the Second Congregational Church in Greenfield, and Mr. Albert Raymond, baritone, director of Choral music at the Northfield Schools and the accompanist will be Mr. Carlton L'Hommedieu, organist and head of the music department at Mount Hermon.

Sunday speakers at the Northfield Schools will be Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, Headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock and Dr. John C. Schroeder, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock.

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Oldest Known Spices

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Air Fatalities Reduced

Twice as many persons travel by air last year than in the previous year, but the percentage of fatalities among air line passengers was reduced, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica. The airlines carried a total of 13,819,000 passengers during 1946—almost double the number carried in 1945. Fatalities per 100 million passenger miles flown on domestic and international routes were reduced from 2.31 in 1945 to 1.47 in 1946. During 1946, the passenger miles flown totaled 7,258,000,000, an increase of six million passenger miles over the 1940 figure. For the first time, passengers on international routes of U. S. air carriers passed the one million mark. The interest in personal flying and flight training was reflected in the fact that the number of registered aircraft more than doubled, from 37,789 at the end of 1945, to 85,000 at the end of 1946. During 1946, the passenger miles flown totaled 7,258,000,000, an increase of six million passenger miles over the 1940 figure. For the first time, passengers on international routes of U. S. air carriers passed the one million mark. The interest in personal flying and flight training was reflected in the fact that the number of registered aircraft more than doubled, from 37,789 at the end of 1945, to 85,000 at the end of 1946. During 1946, the passenger miles flown totaled 7,258,000,000, an increase of six million passenger miles over the 1940 figure.

New Electrical Helpers

Research in development of new electrical chores for farmers is a continuing program participated in by the department of agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges, power suppliers and manufacturers. Out of their laboratories have come scores of products to help the farmer cut his operating costs, save him time and energy and help raise his standard of living. Still in the testing stage are the following types of electrical equipment: A device to automatically clean barn gutters and elevate the manure from the barn into a waiting sprayer; bactericidal lights to reduce the mortality rate among farm stock, particularly poultry; rubber-tipped poultry pickers; and a machine to remove ensilage from the silo.

Large-Mouth Bass

Fishermen generally agree that the large-mouth is about the most pugnacious of fresh water fish. Some individuals are more pugnacious than others. They are the largest relatives of the sunfish and are native Americans. The Chippewas knew them as "Ah-the-gum." Originally they were found in the United States east of the Rockies and south of New England. Today they have been planted in many parts of the world, for they adapt readily to almost any environment, even brackish water.



WEDDINGS

Hammond - Harriman

A wedding of interest to many friends here took place in Northampton on Sunday, November 22, when Miss Joyce Garda Harriman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Harriman of Columbus, Ohio, became the bride of Ralph Douglas Hammond of this town, in a single ring service at the parsonage of the Congregational Church, with the minister, Rev. Paul T. McClurkin, officiating.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Barstow of Hockanum. Mrs. Barstow is the bride's cousin.

Following the wedding a reception for the newly married couple was given at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Gladys Shipman at Hockanum. The bride wore a tan suit with a corsage of white roses, and the matron of honor wore a blue suit with a corsage of yellow roses.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will make their home at 395 Bridge street, Northampton.

Mrs. Hammond attended Northampton schools and Berea College at Berea, Ky. She received her master's degree from Ohio State University. Mr. Hammond graduated from Greenfield schools and served for four years in the Army Air Forces. He served several months in the Pacific area.

Lord - Shearer

Miss Charlotte Louise Shearer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin E. Shearer of this town, and Edward Harold Lord, son of Edward B. Lord of Northampton, and the late Mrs. Lord, were married in the Northfield Congregational Church, Saturday afternoon, November 22, by the minister, Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, officiating in a double ring service. The church was decorated with white and pink chrysanthemums and was filled to capacity with the many friends of both the bride and groom.

Mrs. Kenneth Miller, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and James Spaulding, cousin of the bridegroom, best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Rollin E. Shearer. Ushears were Stanley Smolen, Richard Reeves, Charles Olds and Neil Sutherland.

The bride wore a surplice style pink jersey gown and pink feathered hat with facial veil. She carried white roses.

The matron of honor wore a floor length aqua-colored crepe gown and carried pink roses. She wore a tiara of pink roses in her hair.

The reception was in the vestry of the church. In the receiving line were the bride and bridegroom, matron of honor, best man, Mr. and Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Clarence Spaulding, aunt of the bridegroom, and Edward Lord. Mrs. Shearer and Mrs. Spaulding wore corsages of gardenias.

The vestry was decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums. On the table with four-tiered wedding cake was a centerpiece of flowers and tall candles.

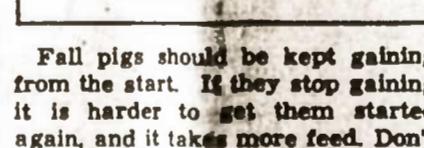
Miss Barbara Browning had charge of the guest book. Mrs. James Browning and Mrs. Joseph Reeves poured.

Mrs. Frank Montague acted as hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bertha Leach, Mrs. Grace McMurdy, Miss Elizabeth Browning, Miss Doris Doolittle, Miss Beverly McCullum, Miss Joyce Siwa, and Miss Dorothy Allen.

The couple left on an unannounced trip and will be at home after Dec. 6 at 198 Main street, East Northfield. For traveling the bride wore brown taffeta dress, brown fleece coat and accessories to match.

Mrs. Lord is a graduate of the local high school and attended Brattleboro Business Institute. She owns and operates the Northfield Coffee Shop. Mr. Lord attended schools in Winchester, N. H. and Northampton. He is a radio technician, employed at the Northfield hotel.

Herds and Flocks



Set the posts at an angle and you can keep the weeds cut with your mowing machine.

Flush ewes before the breeding season—that is, feed them generously so they will be gaining at breeding time. Changing from scant to good pasture, or feeding some grain, will put the ewes in better condition. Flushing results in more certain breeding.

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Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens tend for themselves. Seabirds provide the islanders with plenty of eggs. Coconuts, peaches,